

## REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 19-21, 25, and 27 are now pending in this application. In the final Office Action mailed October 3, 2000, Claims 1-21 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) (Claims 16-18 have since been canceled). In addition, Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a). This amendment amends Claims 1, 4, 12-14, 25, and 27 to overcome these rejections. In addition, Claims 3 and 11 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and for the reasons set forth below, applicants request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-15, 19-21, and 25 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A. Claims 6-13, 21, and 25

Claims 6-13, 21, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over the *Mastering Microsoft Office 97* ("Office 97"), in which the Examiner stated that it would have been obvious to implement the displaying of the "My Documents" icon on the primary screen.

As Claims 6-13, 21, and 25 do not include an icon, let alone a "ss" icon, nor a primary screen, it need hardly be mentioned that Claims 6-13, 21, and 25 are not rendered obvious for this reason.

Independent Claims 12-13 and 25 of the present application have been amended to more particularly clarify that not only is the default documents folder feature of the present invention application independent, but it is provided by the operating system and not by other applications as cited by the Examiner with reference to Office 97. As already noted in the previous response to the present Office Action, there is no indication in the Office 97 reference that the default folder is defined anywhere but in the application programs themselves. Significantly, there is nothing in the Office 97 reference teaching or suggesting that an operating system selects, provides or defines the default documents folder for independent application programs.

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Accordingly, applicants request respectfully that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of Claims 12-13, 21, and 25.

Since Claim 6 already specifies that the operating system defines the predetermined file storage container as a default file storage container on file operation dialog windows accessible by application programs, it is not necessary to amend Claim 6 to clearly distinguish it from the Office 97 reference. In no place does Office 97 teach or suggest an operating system designating the default file container. Accordingly, Claim 6 and its depending Claims 7-11 are already in condition for allowance.


B. Claims 1-5, 14-15, 19-20, and 25

Claims 1-5, 14-15, 19-20, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Office 97. As the Examiner stated, it would have been obvious to implement the displaying of the "My Documents" icon on the primary screen. However, in no place does the Examiner suggest that Office 97 teaches an operating system that provides the file container associated with an icon.

Claims 1 and 14 of the present application have also been amended to more particularly clarify that not only is the file container feature application independent but it is provided by the operating system and not by other applications as cited by the Examiner with reference to Office 97. As noted above, there is no indication in the Office 97 reference that the My Documents folder is defined as a default storage folder except in the application programs themselves. Significantly, there is nothing in the Office 97 reference indicating that an operating system selects, provides or defines the default documents folder as a default storage folder for independent application programs.

In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to more specifically point out that the file operation dialog boxes are provided by the operating system and that the file operation dialog

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boxes specify a file container as a default document container for files related to the application programs. Office 97 does not teach an operating system provided file operation dialog box which is able to specify a default file container. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to Claim 1 as it is now in condition for allowance. Additionally, Claims 2-5, which depend from Claim 1, are in condition for allowance for the same reason.

Claim 14 has been amended to more clearly indicate that an operating system is on the computer readable medium, and it is the operation system that provides the default folder to applicants independent of the applications. Accordingly, Claim 14 is now in condition for similar reasons to those stated above.

Claim 15 is directed to an operating system including the file management modules defined within the operating system to provide a default file storage folder. As stated earlier with regard to Claim 6, Office 97 does not teach an operating system which specifies a default folder. Accordingly, Claim 15 is already in condition for allowance.

Similarly, Claims 19-20 are also directed to an operating system which provides application-independent behavior such as a most recently used file menu and file operations windows, including links to a desktop. In no place does Office 97 teach or suggest these capabilities in an operating system. Accordingly, Claims 19-20 are also in condition for allowance.

## II. Rejection of Claim 27 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Independent Claim 27 has been amended to indicate that an operating system specifies the default document folder so as to differentiate it from the Office 97 art cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, as Office 97 is now inapposite art, amended Claim 27 should also be in condition for allowance.

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III. Amendments to Claims 3 and 4

Claims 3 and 11 have been amended to correct typographical errors due to the inadvertent omission of a space between the words "My" and "Documents" and are not being amended in response to the Examiner's reference and/or comments and are not being amended for patentability reasons.

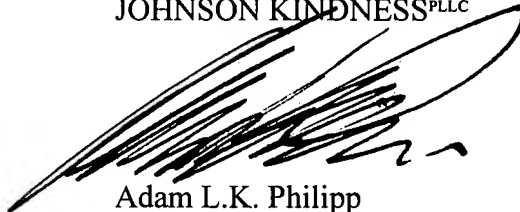
CONCLUSION

In view of the amended claims and the deficiency of the cited art, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone applicants' attorney to further facilitate prosecution of this application should any questions arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Claims:

1. (Thrice amended) A graphical user interface for a computer, comprising:  
a screen;  
a predetermined file-container icon displayed on the screen; and  
one or more operating system provided file-operation dialog boxes which are accessible by one or more application programs of the computer and which are defined independently of the one or more application programs to specify a file container associated with the predetermined file-container icon as a default document container for files related to the one or more application programs.

3. (Amended) The graphical user interface of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined file-container icon has an associated name ["MyDocuments."] "My Documents."

4. (Amended) The graphical user interface of Claim 1, wherein one or more of the operating system provided file-operation dialog boxes are associated with a file open or file save operation.

11. (Amended) The computerized system of Claim 6, wherein the predetermined file-storage container is named ["MyDocuments."] "My Documents."

12. (Twice Amended) A method of operating a computer system including one or more applications and an operating system, the method comprising:

determining whether one of the applications has specified a folder for storing files related to the one application;

determining whether the one application has redirected file storage from the folder to a current folder; and

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determining whether files within the current folder are of one or more particular types;  
and

setting a default folder [different] for storing, files related to the one application, wherein the operating system sets the default folder, provided that the [computer] one application has not specified a folder, that the one application has not redirected file storage to the current folder, and that no file stored within the current folder is of the one or more particular types.

13. (Thrice amended) A computer comprising:

a processor;

a memory; and[,]

an operating system [a computer program] executed by the processor from the memory to provide a predetermined file-storage folder as a default folder on file operation dialog boxes accessible by a plurality of application programs, wherein the file operation dialog boxes are defined independently of the application programs.

14. (Thrice amended) A computer-readable medium having [a computer program] an operating system stored thereon for execution on a computer to provide a predetermined file-storage folder as a default folder on file operation dialog boxes accessible by one or more application programs, wherein the file operation dialog boxes are defined independently of the one or more computer application programs.

25. (Amended) A computer system for executing one or more applications and an operating system, the system comprising: means for determining whether one of the applications has specified a folder for storing files related to the one application; means for determining whether the one application has redirected file storage from the folder to a current folder; means for determining whether files within the current folder are of one or more particular types; and operating system means for automatically setting a default folder for storing files related to the

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one application, provided that the one application has not specified a folder for storing files, that the application has not redirected file storage to the current folder, and that no file stored within the current folder is of the one or more particular types.

27. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:

[defining within] the operating system of a computer system providing a default document folder for use by two or more application programs before initiating installation of the application programs on the computer system; and

displaying an icon associated with the default document folder during a file operation relating to one or more of the application programs.